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SUBJ: AL-QADHAAFI DESCRIBES LIBYAN REVOLUTION

1. MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAAFI, RCC PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF LIBYAN ARMED FORCES, DELIVERED MAJOR SPEECH IN BENGHAZI ON 38TH ANNIVERSARY MARTYRDOM 'UMAR MUKHTAAR, SEPT 16. SPEECH DESCRIBED LIBYAN REVOLUTION AND DEFINED THREE ELEMENTS OF SLOGAN: QTE FREEDOM, SOCIALISM, UNITY. UNQTE

2. DEFINITION OF SOCIALISM NOTEWORTHY. QTE SOCIALISM IS SOCIALISM OF ISLAM, SOCIALISM OF THE TRUE RELIGION. SOCIALISM SPRINGS FROM HERITAGE OF THIS PEOPLE, FROM ITS BELIEFS AND HISTORICALLY ROOTED ORIGINS. SOCIALISM DOES NOT, AS SOME THINK, MEAN DISTRIBUTION OF POVERTY. RATHER, IT MEANS DISTRIBUTION OF PROSPERITY. UNQTE SOCIALISM, ACCORDING TO QADHAAFI, WILL BE BUILT BY QTE SOLIDARITY OF WORKERS, FARMERS, NON-EXPLOITATIVE CAPITALISTS, INTELLECTUALS AND SOCIALISTS THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM IS THROUGH PRODUCTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL. WORK IS BOTH A RIGHT AND A DUTY. UNQTE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HEADLINED ONE OR MORE OF ABOVE STATEMENTS IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON SPEECH.

3. SPEECH ALSO DECLARED QTE PEOPLE IS NOW ITS OWN MASTER.

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DESTINY OF PEOPLE NO LONGER IN HANDS MERCEDES OWNERS NOR IS IT DECIDED IN BIG HOTELS AND FOREIGN EMBASSIES. 7,153

4. COMMENT: QADHAAFI'S VOCABULARY MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM ANCIENT REGIME TRADITION. SPEECH WAS EXTEMPORANEOUS AND CHARACTERIZED BY SHORT PHRASES OFTEN REPEATED FOR EMPHASIS. PURISTS FOUND ABUNDANT SHORTCOMINGS IN QADHAAFI'S ATTEMPTED CLASSICAL ARABIC DELIVERY, BUT HIS STYLE WAS EFFECTIVE MEANS COMMUNICATE WITH ORDINARY LIBYANS. WITH EXCEPTION BAKKUUSH, LIBYAN LEADERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY SHOWN LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IN ATTEMPTING DIALOGUE WITH LIBYAN PEOPLE.
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